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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Travel Branch, Finance Division

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SUBJECT : Travel Expenses

1. You have requested the opinion of this Office concerning the application of an unpublished opinion of the Comptroller General (B-35306 dated 29 June 1943) to two identical cases where procurement of a suite of rooms for operational use was authorized in the travel orders and the claimants used the rooms as sleeping quarters. This will confirm our verbal opinion that the individuals in these specific cases may properly claim the total cost of the hotel suite and are correct in their determination that one-fifth of the per diem authorized must be deducted for the reason that quarters were furnished.

2. With respect to the application of the unpublished opinion of the Comptroller General to these two particular cases, it is the opinion of this Office that the finding by the Comptroller General may be distinguished on the ground that there was no authorization for procurement of an official meeting place but rather that the individual had procured the accommodations and later requested approval and reimbursement for the quarters as an item of official expense.

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